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Christ is the Gift of God

Christ Is the Gift of God and a Model Teacher

BY J. B. ELLIS

This is one of the sweetest titles given to our Savior, "The gift of God." "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

The sinner is represented as being dead in sin, or as a result of sin, Eph. 2:1. Sin and death reign over the sinner, Rom. 5:12-17. "The wages of sin is death," Rom. 6:23. The sinner needs life, he must have life or he will forever abide in death. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," John 10:10. These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through his name, John 20:31. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Much is said of this gift in God's Word but its greatness can never be measured by words. Paul recognizes this fact when he calls it God's unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. 9: 15.

Jesus said to the poor lost woman at the well. "If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that sayeth unto thee, Give me to drink: thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." What the world needs is a knowledge of Jesus. This woman did not know Jesus as a life-giving Savior. This she needed to know. In order for her to know, she needed some one to teach her. How could she believe in one whom she had not heard? At the well she heard for the first time from **a real model teacher,** that she needed most **"eternal life."** Since Jesus has commanded His ministers to go into all the world and teach the nations to observe the things He has commanded (Matt. 28:19, 20), let us take Jesus as our example as a teacher.

Observe Our Lord's Zeal

1. He went to a most unwelcome neighborhood. The Samaritans were deeply prejudiced against the Jews. From this standpoint it was not an opportune place for a revival. Every condition was against it. So many of us today will not go unless conditions are favorable. Are there welcome homes? How about finance? Are there any workers? Are there good singers? Have they a good piano? Can you send car fare? etc. None of these things were taken into consideration. Weary from His journey He sat on the well while His disciples went to secure the meal.

2. He was satisfied to teach only one scholar. If we do not have large crowds we are discouraged and ready to close the meeting. We are taught in the Bible to dispise not small things. A Methodist minister was conducting a brush arbor meeting in a backwoods district. He had small crowds and only one barefoot boy was saved. The community was badly disappointed and called the meeting a failure. The young evangelist told them not to think the meeting a failure for one soul was worth more than all the world. This freckled-faced, barefoot boy took charge of the work there and soon a great revival broke out under his preaching and he became the great Bishop Asbery of Methodist fame and won thousands of souls.

3. He labored with a disagreeable pupil. She was full of arguments and rebuffs. She reminded Him of Jewish prejudice, insinuated He was exalted (Art thou greater than our father Jacob?) accused Him of condemning the religious practices of their country. None of these things intimidated this zealous teacher. He kept pressing truth home to the woman's heart until she yielded.

Observe His Tact

1. He was ingenious in catching an illustration to interest her mind. He took the well and the water so needed to perpetuate natural life, to illustrate the great truths of eternal life. As a teacher He employed natural things to impress spiritual truths. How clumsy are we in presenting the doctrines and teachings of Christ. We should employ good tactics in reaching

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NOTES FROM GENERAL OVERSEER

NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL

"The state overseer of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, and Saskatchewan, Canada, be granted the privilege of installing a Bible School in North Dakota which shall be under the auspices of General and State Overseers in office," 29th Assembly.

I have just received a notice from Brother Paul H. Walker that their Bible School has closed. This school was held at Lemmon, S. Dak., under the supervision of Paul H. Walker and F. W. Lemons. They report a very successful term of school. Many students from the Northwest and Canada were in attendance. Brother Walker feels that much good has been done by way of Bible training for the young ministers of that section.

We are very glad indeed to know that the interest is increasing all over the United States in training for church work, and we are sure that in the future we will see great results from these precious men and women who are making the sacrifice to train themselves for the work of the Lord.

BABY BONDS FOR ORPHANAGE

We notice that our Baby Bonds are not being ordered as rapidly as they should be. We have decided to appeal to each state overseer in the sections where these products are used, Octagon soap, Kirkman's soap, Luzianne coffee, and Borden's canned milk. Now these bonds don't cost anything. All you have to do is write to the General Secretary and order one of them and when you receive the bond appoint your committees to collect coupons from the community in which the church is located. When you have collected 250 send them in and the General Secretary will send you a receipt. You can paste this receipt over the place on the bond that is specified. When you have sent in 1,000 coupons then your bond is cancelled and if you wish you may order another one. This is done to stimulate the collection of coupons which has proved to be of great value to our orphanage work. We earnestly request that all state overseers please co-operate with us in getting these bonds into the churches for it will prove a great blessing to our orphanage work. If overseers would take this up in their district meetings it would help us get this work inaugurated.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

The general indebtedness funds are coming in slowly. As you remember, the Assembly decided that all states that failed to pay their quota last Assembly year will continue this drive until each state has paid its quota. We earnestly request that each state overseer push this work until the remainder of the debts are liquidated. And please remember that each state will have to pay the interest on the balance due, at the rate of 7 per cent.

OLD MINISTERS FUND

The Assembly decided that each minister who received as much as fifty dollars a month was to pay one per cent to the old ministers funds. The reports show that quite a few have neglected to do this and we hope that those who are in arrears on this will see to it at once as it is needed for the old ministers. Each church was to take a collection and raise the amount of 10c per member. Quite a few states have already raised their quota. We earnestly request that each pastor take this up with your local church at an early date. Our old ministers are not getting what they should have to take care of them and we hope that in the near future we will be able to raise the amount that is being given them.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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Notices

Dear saints, I thank God for His goodness to me. I can't thank Him enough for the way He has blessed since we came from Chattanooga. We haven't lost any time, have been and are still putting in full time in evangelistic work. We are on the battlefield to stay until Jesus calls us home. If you care to get in touch with us, write us at Hazlehurst, Ga., Rt. 3, Bx. 244. Our mail will be forwarded to us. Don't forget to pray for us.—J. B. Conner.

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The Big Island district convention which will convene at Big Island church April 11-13 will begin at 10:00 a. m. on the 11th and close Sunday evening, the 13th.—B. F. Cooper, district pastor.

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The East Thomasville district convention will convene at the Church of God, Chapman, Ala., March 29-31. Our state overseer, Brother G. C. Dunn, is expected to be with us. Come, every one, and bring a full basket of food, but above everything, bring good victory.—Yours in Him, A. W. Mills, pastor, Chapman church, Rt. 2, Georgiana, Ala.

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Pastors and Y. P. E. superintendents: We want to see the Y. P. E. both local and state-wide, grow and prosper, do we not? Well, in order for it to do so as it should, it needs a leader. God has had leaders ever since Moses, Gideon, Joshua, David, and others, and we still need them today. But it is not enough to realize we need them for they must have means whereby they may travel, also other things, but the thing now is travel. When last I saw our state Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother Colon Dunn, he had bought a car, which he needs in the work. He has a monthly payment to meet on it, so let us show him we appreciate him by helping him pay for this car. Do your best, pastors and Y. P. E. superintendents, not only when he comes to see you but send him a nice sum along to help him meet his obligations. If you expect him to come to your church, he must have a way to go and too, most of us need encouragement sometimes. Let us do our best and prove to him we love him. Send your offerings to Vivian Adams, Y. P. E. State Treas., Adamsville, Ala.—Yours for the church and a better Y. P. E., E. M. Smith.

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The church at Buckner will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 21. You are invited to come and be with us. Our district overseer, Brother J. W. Kinsey, will be with us. We are also expecting our state overseer, Brother R. E. Blackwood. There will be all-day service and dinner on the ground. —B. J. Strahan, Rayville, La.

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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EVANGEL DRIVE

During the entire month of March we are accepting subscriptions at the rate of $1.00 each. Subscription list continues to climb as a result of the Evangel birthday rally and increased activity on the part of solicitors.

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DEDICATION OF NEW PUBLISHING PLANT

The Publishing House and Bible Training School are co-operating concerning the dedication of the new publishing plant, which will be conducted Thursday evening, March 28th. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by S. W. Latimer, General Overseer; preceded by an address by C. W. Harle, Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and President of Merchants Bank. Other business men will also participate. Superintendent J. H. Walker has kindly given the entire evening to this service. The dedicatory sermon will perhaps be preached in the Auditorium, after which the congregation will march to the new publishing plant, led by the orchestra, where there will be a special service rendered and the dedicatory prayer will be offered. We expect a nice crowd in attendance at the close of the Bible Training School and feel sure you will appreciate the features of the dedication of the new publishing plant, as well as to review the building and plant itself.—Editor.

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FREE SCHOLARSHIP

We have received a number of letters of inquiry concerning the offer of free scholarship to The Church of God Bible Training School. They want full details, etc., which are as follows:

To those who sell 4,000 Evangels at 5c each and return to the Publishing House the net proceeds of $200.00, we will give one free scholarship to Bible Training School, consisting of tuition, board and room. It does not include books. Aspirants would have to sell at about the rate of 150 Evangels each week during the six months' period between school terms. If you cannot do it yourself, enlist the aid of some young man or young lady or friend in other communities to assist you. We will ship Evangels to those who parties desiring scholarship instruct us. Parties selling Evangels would pay those working for scholarship at the end of each month, who would in turn pay the Publishing House monthly. All Evangels shipped to parties agreeing to sell for an individual who desires to obtain such scholarship, would be charged to party ordering Evangels out, which in each case must be the one working to obtain the free scholarship.

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CALENDARS

We still have on hand a few gospel text calendars. These we will close out at the special low price of $12.00 per hundred. There is quite a little time to sell calendars yet. These could be sold at 20c per calendar and a nice commission realized.

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DRIVE ON CRIME

The Department of Justice has ordered a "mop-up" in its anti-crime drive. News from Washington states there were 1,909 arrests made, in which about 12,000 treasure officials participated. Loot taken in Baltimore alone mounted to $913,928. Parties arrested consisted of counterfeiters, bootleggers, narcotic dealers and other violaters. The Department of Justice is to be greatly commended for its drive against kidnapping, robberies, and different vices. When the law is magnified and made honorable, then it is that citizens may be less troubled with flagrant violaters.

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TROUBLED EUROPE AND THE WORLD'S ILLS

The Literary Digest states that Russia has renewed communistic activities in China. Soviets control outer Mongolia and are seeking to make further inroads into China. It has only been a few weeks since France was mightily affected with communistic riots and strikes. To the average citizen these activities mean nothing in significance, but to the casual or spiritual observer it is the rising of a new state of administration which will eventually pave the way for the reign of Antichrist.

Yesterday there were arrested in Germany more than 700 Protestant ministers (some Catholics were also involved), accused of violating anti-Nazi propaganda. A nation so deeply affected in its political life as Germany, is badly in need of the balance of spirituality and religious instruction. When the Church has been terrorized and broken down until it can no longer function in harmony and in

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peace, the foundation of civilization is being torn asunder and the entire nation threatened by collapse.

WHAT MEANETH THIS

What does the communistic agitation mean? What does Naz. church opposition mean? What this quarrel between Italy and Ethiopia, the massing of thousands of soldiers on the Ethiopian border? What will grow out of the late charges made by Russia that Germany is now again well armed and is seeking to come out in the open, and that Germany now has practically twice the amount of standing army she is allowed, as a nation, under the peace treaty? What is the cause of the Grecian revolt and state of civil war now prevailing in Greece? What caused the Spanish government upheavel? Was it not internal strife, dissatisfied politicians, communistic agitation, etc? What means the ill feeling between Japan and China and agitation between the Balkan and Asiastic states? Can these conditions long exist without a state of terrific war resulting therefrom? Do not these things foreshadow the overthrow of present world governments? What has caused the late strike and bloodshed in Cuba? What is causing the continuous agitation in America, changes in political views, strife in political parties, such widely diversified campaign? There is but one answer. nations are facing the critical test of either resorting to righteousness or they must, thru moral decadence and the rising tide of crime, submerge into the darkness of paganism, commercial and political revolt and be overthrown by the prevailing state of confusion that is now everywhere present. There is nothing that can save the nations from moral and political collapse but the hand of God. If such civilizations and empires of Babylonia, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome have all given place for some new order of things, is it not natural to expect that the rising tide of confusion throughout the whole world is the sounding of the downfall of the present order of nations? Indeed, it is! Out of this political upheavel will arise Antichrist. There is, however, this consolation, that on the heels of these aggravated conditions will come Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace, who will set up His everlasting kingdom.

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The cost of the World War to the United States was about $50,000,000,000, according to an official estimate by Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau. The figures are as follows: Estimated cost to June 30, 1921, $27,729,000,000. Interest on war debts, $9,557,000,000. Veterans' administration, $6,391,000,000. Settlement of war claims, $88,000,000. This does not include something like $12,000,000,000 in war debts owed the United States by foreign nations. Nor does it include the economic, moral and spiritual losses suffered by individuals and by the nation at large because of the demoralization of war and its dreadful aftermath.—The C. U. Herald.

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Russia has 1,000,000 carrier pigeons for war purposes. France has purchased $50,000,000 gas masks, one for every inhabitant, as part of her preparation for war. Europe has more than 6,000,000 fighting men ready for war. No wonder Europe cannot pay her war debts. It looks like we are getting ready for the great Armageddon.—Herald of Holiness.

Foreknowledge, Predestination, Calling, Justification and Glorification

E. C. CLARK

The calling of God in the "protithesis" before the creation actually existed we have dealt with in part in our first article. In the second installment we dealt with foreknowledge and predestination. In this writing we propose to deal with conformity, calling, justification and glorification, possibly rehearsing certain other points.

Text: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate them he also called, and whom he called them he also justified, and whom he justified them he also glorified."

We have in this text a panoramic view of the creation as purposed in God, which embraces the precreative period. It also covers the creative and redemptive periods which end in glorification. Those who were foreknown of God, as we stated before, were only righteous persons whom God foresaw would so become thru the gift of His own Son. At the time of this foreknowledge actual persons were not in existence except that God proposed a creation. The manner on which He designed was that it should be righteous and was to be conformed to the image of His own Son who was the express image of the Father, Heb. 1:3, that we might receive the adoption of sons thru Him and be made like Him in person. As Jesus took upon Him a body of flesh and bones and was made like His brethren in this respect, Heb. 2:14, even so by His being raised from the dead and glorification, God has designed that we shall receive a glorified body and be conformed to His image. For we shall be like Him and shall see Him as He is. We shall see the King in His beauty and the eyes of them that see shall not be dim; then shall I know as I am also known.

The predestination of persons to be conformed to the image of His Son, as we stated before, included both Jews and Gentiles and was based upon the fact that there was redemption thru His blood and forgiveness of sins, Eph. 1:7, in the event of a fall. This is eternal life which was promised by God before the world began, Titus 1:2.

Conformity

Based on the foreknowledge of God, there was a predestination or pre-determination that those who were foreknown should be conformed to the image of His Son. The word "conform" comes from "summorphus," compounded from "sum" meaning "with" and "morphidzo," but primarily from "morpha," which means to give shape to, mold, fashion; in this case, a shaping or moulding of external as well as internal appearance to that of His Son Jesus Christ.

In Rom. 12:2 the free moral agency of man is particularly in view and we are commanded by the same apostle to be not "conformed or fashioned" after this

present world, which refers to outward pomp, visibility and show, but to be transformed, coming from "metamortha" which means to take shape after the spiritual mind by way of renewing, referred to in Titus 3:5 as a renewing and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. It is the duty of each person who aspires to be made like Jesus, to walk even as He walked, not after the course of this world but by setting their affection on things above where Christ our forerunner now sitteth at the right hand of God.

We are taught in the Scriptures to "choose ye this day whom ye will serve," Josh. 24:15. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up the cross, and follow me." "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it, i. e. lose the natural, sinful pleasures; and "whosoever will lose his life for my sake," i. e. that natural life, by crucifixion and denial, "shall find it," i. e. keep it unto eternal life, Matt. 16:24. Notice verse 27, where men are to be rewarded, every man according to his works. It is the walk and conduct of men which regulates and governs their destiny, whether good or bad.

Them He Also Called

Whom did He call? Only righteous persons? We answer, "No." Christ said, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Matt. 9:13. Jews and Gentiles were both called and all men everywhere were commanded to repent. Acts 17:30. There is a difference between those who are called and those who are finally chosen as a result of adherence to or rejection of that call. As it is written, "Many are called but few are chosen." Matt. 20:16. God foreknew only righteous persons as it is written, "A wicked person I will not know," Psa. 101:3. "Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me ye that work iniquity." Matt. 7:23. The ways of the wicked did not enter into God's purpose, therefore, in His foreknowledge and predestination, He has excluded all wicked persons. However, He made provision that wicked persons, by repentance and faith in Christ, might become those righteous and ideal persons whom He hath foreknown. Therefore, He called them by the gospel which is the means that regulates their destiny. By accepting it and practicing it, they may be conformed to the image of His own Son, or by rejection of it may yield themselves as servants unto sin and in the end be lost. Rom. 6:16.

The calling of God existed first only in purpose. It exists today in progressive fulfillment as men hear the gospel preached, and has so existed ever since there was knowledge imparted, even to Cain and Abel, about the offering of sacrifice for sins. It was incorporated in the Levitical laws. A stranger might partake of the Passover if he would conform to its regulations. Partakers were, by that act, made beneficiaries of the atonement, whether Israel or Gentiles.

Justification

"And whom he called them he also justified." All whom He called were not justified for some rejected His calling. However, all who accepted and obeyed were justified. Provision was made for all men to be justified and saved that would believe, and those who believe are justified before God. As it is written, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. Justification by faith to those who hear His call and accept it, again implies the free moral agency of man. It is written, Mark 16:16, "He that believeth not shall be damned." Believing, or faith comes by the exercise of and an act of the person or persons hearing the call. They either will believe or disbelieve the truth of the gospel which alone has power to save men's lives. Therefore, all of God's provision and God's effort is of no avail only to those who will accept and become beneficiaries of such calling, justification and purpose.

These persons whom God foresaw would obey Him are being justified by faith in the gospel of Christ. Their predestination, calling, justification, and glorification primarily existed only in purpose, but exists today in process for those who accept it and in state and in fact to those who have accepted it.

Glorification

There is a measure in which glorification exists today, however, only in view of the fact that the sinner who is saved by grace through faith is by the working of the spirit of the Lord changed from glory to glory, changed and conformed to the image of the Lord, 2 Cor. 3:17, 18. However, their complete, full, and final glorification awaits the resurrection when they shall be glorified with Christ and shall put on incorruptible or immortal bodies that will take shape after His glorious body which saw not corruption. We at present bear the image of the earthly but being clothed from heaven we shall not be found naked. We shall therefore in the resurrection bear the image of the heavenly. We are in this present state groaning within ourselves and waiting to wit the redemption and glorification of our body, when the creation shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The promise of our glorified inheritance is now held in trust for us by Christ in whom we have believed, after which we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of His glory. Eph. 1:13, 14.

What Shall We Then Say

Since God has provided for us that we may take advantage of the state of the fall and be raised out of it and be conformed to the image of His Son and therefore glorified with Him, who can be against us? If God be Almighty it is of no avail for Satan to accuse us before God nor yet before men, by laying anything to the charge of God's elect or chosen (Rev. 12: 10) since it is God that justifies. It is written, "If He spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all, will he not with him freely give us all things?" Having prepared that we might be saved and since we have accepted that plan and believe upon Him, will He not nourish and cherish the Church and the individual believer until they be without spot and unrebukable?

The question is asked in V. 34, who is it that condemneth? It is answered, "Christ that died," yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God. He also maketh intercession for us. No one else could condemn us and far be it from Him who died for us and now maketh intercession for us to condemn us. Rather, He

seeks to strengthen and perfect us. The Apostle is seeking to assure and encourage the believer who is confronted with the suffering, groaning, and travail of our present fallen state in this present evil world.

Vessels of Wrath

Who are the vessels of wrath? We answer, "Those who reject God's mercy." As it is written in Rom. 2:5, "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." God is wroth with the wicked because they have rejected His righteousness, have hardened their hearts, and have become impenitent. Therefore, He "will render unto every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God," Rom. 2:5-11. God has provided that all men may escape His wrath who desire to escape it. "In every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him," Acts 10:35.

It is written, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." Again it is written, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." "Come now let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. Those whom God has compassion and mercy upon are those who seek His favor, by working righteousness. God does not will that any man should be a vessel of wrath, and men only become such by hardening their hearts against God, concerning which it is written, "Has any man ever hardened self against God and prospered?" Job 9:4. See also Prov. 21:29; 28:14; 29:1; Mark 6:52; 8:17. Yet it is written that, "I will harden Pharaoh's heart," Ex. 4:21; 7:3; 14:4. The reader will observe that Pharaoh's heart could not have been hardened unless it was first softened. We ask, How was it softened? And answer, By the plagues which God sent upon him and all Egypt. Then we ask, When was his heart hardened? We answer, When God withdrew the plagues that had softened it. So the fact is that God first softened his heart and by withdrawing the thing which had softened it, the exercise of Pharaoh's own will against God was the condition by which it was hardened. However, it is written, "Whom he will he hardeneth." This He does by withdrawing His Spirit or the agency that deals with men by which they are first restrained and softened, leaving the individual to exercise his own will. Such are vessels fitted to destruction and are therefore vessels of wrath.

Verse 17, chapter 9, states that, "For this same purpose have I raised thee up that I might show my power in thee and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth." All other kings were raised up of God for the same purpose that God might show His power in them. And this He has oftentimes done, particularly in Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and many others. Whether they accept or reject God, He is to be glorified and honored by triumphing over them, by making the wrath of men to praise Him. Ps. 76:10. We further add that God has raised up all other men for the same purpose, whether they accept or reject His will. Notice verse 22, chapter 9, that these vessels of wrath had been endured with much longsuffering. God has withheld His power from the destruction of the wicked and has endured their sins and blasphemies with longsuffering, giving them a chance to repent Yet their final state may be a vessel of wrath fitted to destruction, regulated by their own conduct and rejection of God.

Vessels of Glory

Vessels of glory are those individuals who have accepted God's offered mercy, have chosen to love, serve and obey Him, in whom the riches of His glory shall be revealed. These vessels had aforetime been prepared unto glory: i. e., when God chose them in Christ, Eph. 1:4, and made Him to be sin for us and by their acceptance of salvation through Him.

However, at the same time He prepared that we should be vessels of glory. God has, by His own acts, however, seeing there would be evil in the world thru a fall, chosen the manner in which He would deal with those who were to be saved by acceptance of His plan of salvation, and He has at the same time chosen the manner in which He would deal with those who reject His offer of mercy and salvation so that the whole affair and administration is charged to Him. He simply does not have mercy and compassion upon the wicked who continue in sin, Rom. 6:1, 2. They therefore become vessels of wrath and destruction by rejecting God. Vessels of mercy are those who accept Christ, obey and serve God, that they may be glorified in Him.

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Death Notices

CHESSER

On Feb. 17, 1935, death entered the home of Brother and Sister Ellis Chesser and claimed their dear little baby, age four months and four days. Interment was made in Ebenezer cemetery.—A sister, Mrs. R. P. Love.

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JOHNSON

Sister Hester J. Johnson died Jan. 25, 1935, at the age of thirty-four years. She was a good church worker and died in the Lord. Interment was made in Kemps Bay cemetery by her pastor.—Benjamin Munroe, Smith Hill, Andros, Bahamas.

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HICKS

J. L. Hicks was born July 8, 1869 and died March 9, 1935. He was a member of the Church of God at Copperhill, Tenn., but had been gone for some time. He died at the home of his sister at Carson Springs, Ga. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment made in the Church of God cemetery at this place.—T. A Richard.

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PEEPLES

Sister Lula Jane Peeples of Indianola, Miss., died Dec. 26, 1934, at the age of fifty-nine years. She had been a faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. Zion for seven years. Funeral services were conducted by Brother M. C. Cockrell and interment made in Greens-

boro cemetery.—Mrs. L. C. Vance.

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BRANSON

After eight years of faithful service in the Church of God, our precious father has gone to rest. J. L. Branson, Sr., died Feb. 21, 1935, at the age of sixty years, six months, and twenty-two days. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God, Miami, Fla., by Brother J. S. Brinsfield.—A daughter, Bessie Branson, Miami, Fla.

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SMITH

Sister Mattie Smith was born Feb. 19, 1883 and died Feb. 19, 1935, at the age of fifty-two years. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and was a member of the Church of God at Coalmont, Ind. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God by Brother Fred Puckett.—One who loved her, Sylvia Streepy, clerk.

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HAYES

Mrs. H. H. Hayes of Adamsville, Ala., died Feb. 18, 1935, at the age of sixty-two years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Pratt City, Ala. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother A. L. Burroughs and interment was made in the Midway cemetery.—Her former pastor, W. W. Harmon.

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DOSS

Uncle Andy Doss died March 6, 1935. He was a member of the Church of God at Sulphus Springs, Ala. He was seventy-six years of age. He died the most victorious Christian death I have ever witnessed. Interment was made in the Sulphur Springs cemetery. The funeral was conducted by the writer.--His pastor, W. E. Motes.

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NOTICES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PENNSYLVANIA

1st. The Central State District Assembly will convene at Williamsburg, Pa., May 3-5. This is the district assembly for the churches in the central part of Pennsylvania. All pastors leave off their regular services and attend this meeting.

2nd. Our State Assembly will convene at Somerset, Pa., June 26, 7:30 p. m., and continue to the 30th. 2:30 P. M. We will expect every pastor to leave off his regular services and come and help to make this one a good assembly.

3rd. Since we have planned to give free entertainment to all delegates, we will have to ask all the churches to raise a good free-will offering and mail to J. A. Bixler, 245 W. Patton St., Somerset, Pa., (chairman of the Entertainment Committee), to help defray expenses. Also, get in touch with the chairman and find out just what provisions each church will have to furnish.

4th. Please set a special day and raise the church's 10c per member to be sent to the General Sec.-Treas., E. J. Boehmer, for the aged ministers.

5th. The state is in need of a few good evangelists at once. Can use one individual, or can use some good evangelistic parties. Some new work and some of the established churches need evangelists.

6th. I will be over the state in the month of April, to hold the quarterly conferences. I will give you notice of my coming. It will enable the church to get everything ready to be attended to.

7th. Let every church conduct a revival campaign in their church as soon as possible.

8th. We are asking that each church put on a special drive to get in the treasury some funds to begin a work on our State Headquarters. You can mail the offerings to C. H. Blankenship, 1902-7th Ave., Juniata Pa., until we get together and get a treasurer appointed. We have begun this fund with a nice offering received in the district assembly at York. Let each church work out a plan whereby they can raise some money to help get this work on the way. If you need my help, do not be backward in letting me know. We are in the state as coworkers together.

9th. We will expect each one to do his best in this work and to be ready to render music at any and all times.

10th. We are looking forward to that song book that Brother McCoy will soon have on the market. Churches, do not buy any new books until we get in touch with the one that I have mentioned above. We would like to get the same kind of song book in each church in the state.—C. H. Blankenship, overseer of Pennsylvania, 1902-7th Ave., Juniata, Pa.

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The Church of God at Lepanto, Ark., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Louella Lacy and Julia Johnson. If they do not report by our next conference their names will be dropped.—Hattie Scoggins, clerk, Box 135, Lepanto, Ark.

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We would like to get in touch with the following members: Della Coleman, Sarah Carter, R. W Grace, J. T. McCall.—W. L. Ware, clerk, Rt. 3. Box 751, Jacksonville, Fla.

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The Birmingham district convention will convene at Jonesboro April 12-14. Ministers, deacons, laity, and every one, we ask that you be there for the first service, which will be Friday, 7:30 p. m. Adjoining districts, we give you a special invitation. Ministers of the district, be sure and be free from any meeting at your church during this convention. Don't rob yourself of that which God has for you in the convention.—A. L. Burroughs, district pastor.

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The Church of God at Johnson City, Tenn., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Mae Arrowood, Mary Scalf, James Scalf, Rex Long, Bernice Long, Jimmie Lee Arrowood, Mattie Arrowood. If not heard from by the first week in April their names will be dropped from our list.—Mrs. S. C. Quinton, clerk; W. H. Maxwell, pastor, 400 Hamilton St., Johnson City, Tenn.

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Some one, some one, please do hear the call and come over as it were in Macedonia, and preach the gospel as it has never been preached here. Dear Ministers, are you afraid to step out on God's promises? He has promised to go with us all the way. Doesn't some one hear the call? Come, come this way. Oh, hear this call! There are numbers of lost souls here without God, who need to hear the full gospel. I believe some one would accept it. Pray for me and my home and that God will put it on some one's heart to come here and hold a revival.—A sister in Christ, Nancy Hays, Rt. 3, Warrior, Ala.

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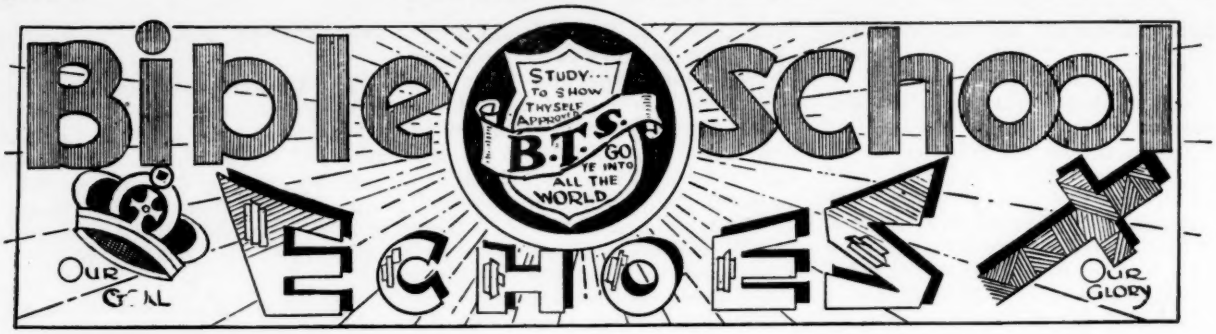

ZENO C. THARP
WILL GIVE THE
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FOR
B. T. S. CLASS OF '35
AT THE
ARNOLD MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 29TH
T. S. PAYNE, EX-SUPT.
WILL DELIVER THE
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HAVE PROFITED BY BEING IN B. T. S.

I praise the Lord for the privilege of attending this wonderful school. I know it is all thru Him that I am here. Altho I was a Christian when I entered school, I have learned many things and experienced different things which I believe have drawn me closer to Jesus and made me a better worker for Him.

If you ever have a desire to attend B. T. S., put forth a special effort for it will prove to be a blessing to you. My heart's desire is to be a blessing to others, helping them find the Lamb of God. Please pray for me, that I will stay in the will of the Lord.—Vernice Wiggins, Labelle, Fla.

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JUST A NOTE OF THANKSGIVING

Truly I thank God this morning for having had the privilege of attending two terms of B. T. S. I realize it is only by the help of God, thru prayer and much sacrifice, that I have enjoyed this privilege. And now this term is nearly in history. It is my daily prayer to be able to attend next term.

B. T. S. is a good place to be, for many times the Lord's power comes down and blesses our souls. I thank God too that He has some people who will let Him have His way. My earnest desire is to be a worker for Jesus and always be "somewhere working for my Lord." I desire your fervent prayers.—A brother in Christ and a B. T. S. booster, W. W. Morgan, Pine Hill, Ala.

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PRAISE THE LORD FOR THIS SCHOOL

Dear readers, I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation of Bible School. I surely do praise the Lord for this school. It has been a great help and blessing to me. I try each day to be obedient that I may show my appreciation to my good worthy teachers. Please pray that I will always be faithful and true, and point lost souls to the Lamb of God. My great desire is to be a graduate of B. T. S.—Sincerely, a B. T. S. student, Raymond Ashcraft, 375 Virginia St., New Martinsville, W. Va.

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WHERE WILL WE MEET AGAIN AS WE ARE NOW

Never in the history of time has there been known a student body with as many in number and so many states represented, to meet again as at the first. We have students gathered here from almost every state in the Union. As we entered this school of training on the 15th day of October, 1934, with eager faces, and a desire, and longing hearts for the comradeship and association of our beloved faculty, little did we think of the parting day when we must say good-bye.

As I sit thinking of the high school days spent in Frostproof, a little southern town in the State of Florida, I call to memory the beginning of each term, with never the same faces to meet again. So shall it be with the B. T. S. students who will return to their homes in the different parts of the country. Some will meet again for another term, but some will take up different vocations in life. Some will be preachers, some clerks, and some will enter into the business professions of the world.

But wherever we go, we will carry with us the sweet memories of school days when we studied together with our precious brothers and sisters. Oh, how we love them. They have meant so much to us, imparting to us their knowledge, that is, what part of it we grasped. Altho we will be separated from each other by many miles of rolling hills and plains, not knowing the condition of each other, we can still remember our fellow students in prayer. Thank the Lord.

Students, wherever we go and whatever we do, let us remember dear old B. T. S. and our beloved teachers and their success.—A booster and student of B. T. S., Alex Duncan.

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JESUS IS STILL BLESSING

It is wonderful to know that Jesus is still able to bless. I praise God for my leader, the Holy

Ghost. I like to do all I can for Him. Since Christmas I have been working in street meetings and God really blesses. Even tho I was unsaved when I came to B. T. S., I can shout His praises now. I intend to work in Pennsylvania this summer. Pray that I may cause souls to be saved. Dear friends, it takes the first year in Bible School to see how much it means to you. By God's help and the help of the people, I intend to return next year. Pray for me to stay in His will.—A worker for Christ, George Blankenship.

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I am very glad for the opportunity of another term in Bible School. I had not planned very strongly on coming back until about two weeks before school started. I can truly say that B. T. S. is the best place this side of heaven.—Elaine Pagenhart, Palermo, N. Dak.

Grace

by

E. L. Simmons

Perhaps there is no one word in the Bible more important than the word "grace." It is certainly the one word that shows man the way out of his position as a servant of sin, into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. It is the one word upon which hangs the eternal destiny of man. Is it not strange then that such an important word should be so widely controverted and cause so much difference in theology? Nevertheless this is certainly true.

The Word Itself

The word "grace" comes from several different Hebrew and Greek words and these in turn are words of various meanings. 1. Grace is taken to mean physical beauty as in James 1:11, where it applies to the beauty of the flower in its full bloom. 2. God's forgiving mercy as opposed to merit or works of the law, so that our salvation is, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." 3. Grace is given to mean Christian virtues, such as charity, liberality, and holiness. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, 2 Cor. 8: 7, he refers to the grace of giving as exemplified by the churches of Macedonia, and suggests, that since Corinth is abounding in the other graces that this one not be neglected. There are other things which may be referred to as grace, such as gifts in the church, the blessing at the table, etc., but for our purpose we will use the definition, "The unmerited favor, goodness, mercy and friendship of God to man."

Divine Grace

The Jews relied entirely upon the strict observance of the law as a means of salvation. Hence, their religion was a religion of works and did not depend on the grace of God only to the extent that He would accept their works and typical sacrifices that were offered by them continually. Jesus did not condemn them for their strict observance of the letter, but He did tell them that they had "left off the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith," Matt. 23:23. In this we see that grace was sadly lacking. There are those today who believe only in a religion of works thus doing away with the work of grace on the heart. However, the Bible is not lacking for proof that salvation is not by works but comes as a work of grace.

In the 15th chapter of the Acts, we have a very good witness of salvation through grace by faith. There had been a great disputation in the church at Antioch over the doctrine of circumcision. Certain men had come from Judea and had taught that unless they of Antioch were circumcised and kept the law of Moses, they could not be saved. This finally resulted in delegates being sent to a council at Jerusalem where the matter was settled against those trying to bind the works of the law on believers. The keynote speech of Peter at the council seemed to completely satisfy the council and leave the disturbers without gainsaying words. And these were Peter's words: vs. 10 and 11, "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of his disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved even as they." "Grace?" Yes, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Seventh Day Adventist will tell you that observance of the seventh day as a day of rest is the seal of God. The Catholic churches say that spirit and life is imparted to the individual through the Sacrament. Do these things bring spiritual life? Let Paul answer the question. Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Yes, and though Paul was an Israelite of the Israelites, and had been very zealous for the religion of the Pharisees, even though his life was full of works of the law, we can hear him say, "But by the grace of God I am what I am." 1 Cor. 15:10. Then it is not works that brings about justification, but, according to Rom. 4:16, "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace."

Faith, Works and Grace

The question may then be asked, "Are there no works to the religion of our Lord?" Most assuredly there are. But faith and grace come first. The reason that many people make such a poor out at living righteously is because they try to live their religion without a work of grace in the heart. Or in other words, they have never, by faith in the Son of God, accepted the provision of His grace.

Let us again look at Titus 2:11, 12, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Then it is grace that brings or delivers salvation, and the same grace that teaches operation or tells of the works that follow its inception in the heart of the believer. So may we rightfully conclude, that after the grace of God has brought salvation to, and it has been accepted by the individual it is then that the recipient will begin to walk soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Yes, works are all right, if they are the works of grace. There is no seasoning for the life one lives or works he may perform like the grace of God. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Therefore it makes no difference how many good works one

should perform, unless they were seasoned with grace they would not bring about one's salvation, for Eph. 2:5 says, "By grace ye are saved."

Falling From Grace

By the term "falling from grace," the idea of falling away from a Christian experience is conveyed. I do not like the term since God is merciful to a backslider and will accept him on his return unless he has committed the unpardonable sin. However, this is the issue. Can one backslide after having through grace been saved? Let us notice what Paul has to say on this line. Galations 5:4, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." They could not have fallen from the grace of God had they not been in it at one time. They had certainly returned to the old Jewish ordinances and had backslidden. Then let us look at the words of Jesus," John 15:2. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." How could any sane man or woman say that this scripture means anything else than that Christ breaks loose from the one who will not live right. The one who will not live soberly and righteously and godly here in this world, is certainly to be broken from the vine. He then in the sense we use it has fallen from grace. Then let us look at the words of God Himself, Ex. 32:33, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." What more shall we say? Paul says that those who are justified by the law are fallen from grace. Christ says that those in Him who bear no fruit He will take away, and God says He will blot the one who sins out of His book. Now I would like to know what the "Once in grace always in grace" preacher has to say.

The power of God is great and His grace is sufficient, but they are both entirely too pure for the drunkard, gambler, and whoremonger to hide behind and claim to be a child of God because they were once converted.

How Grace is Obtained and its Results

God's grace is given to those who are humble. The proud in heart cannot have faith for salvation, neither can they accept divine grace for it is the opposite of pride. 1 Peter 5:5, "For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

The favor (grace) of God when obtained will fit us for the ages to come. Though we have had His grace in sonship here, we are told in 1 John 3:2, "We know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Eph. 2:7, "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us through Jesus Christ."

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The Gift of God

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hearts. See how Jesus led the woman. We are to win souls, not drive them. Jesus said we were to be fishers of men. Catch men. Whoever saw a fisherman frailing the water to catch fish? Paul said, "I caught you with guile," "He that winneth souls is wise." It takes wisdom to win souls. This wisdom Jesus employed in winning this woman.

His Spirituality

1. He carefully avoided all discussion of irreverent matters. The racial prejudice, the place of worship, as to how He could furnish the water of which He spoke, the impression it made on the disciples, all was ignored or used to further impress the woman of her great need of the water of life. He won. The woman was able to grasp the great truth He presented. She was imbued with the same spirit that possessed her teacher. So absorbed was she with the spirit of her Master she left her water pot and went her way into the city and said unto the men, "Come and see a man which told me all the things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" Many were made to believe because of the saying of the woman, and many more believed when they came in contact with this great teacher. How unlike Jesus was the conduct of the disciples, off after meat to sustain natural life, presenting food to Jesus while He was trying to feed a hungry soul, criticizing His conduct in winning a soul. Oh! the temptations to the present-day ministry, temptations for ease and comfort, good possessions, honor, withholding truth for the sake of prestige. Let us betake ourselves to prayer for the Spirit of our Master. Amen.

Notice - FREE SCHOLARSHIP - Offered!

Would you like a free scholarship to the Church of God Bible Training School for a period of six months, which would include room and board, tuition, etc.? It does not include books. We are going to offer any young man or woman or those desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity, a free scholarship if you are willing to work a little. If you will sell 4,000 Evangels at 5c per copy and return us all the money at the end of each month, the Publishing House will pay for above mentioned scholarship. You could get your friends to assist you in the sale of these Evangels in neighboring churches, and within a period of ix months you should be able to sell the above number, or your friends could sell while you are in school if you had not reached the goal by the time of the beginning of school. In the event you could not sell 4,000, we will give you cash payment for amount sold at the same rate as would apply to the entire number. If you desire to take advantage of this opportunity, have your district pastor write us a letter of recommendation as to your trustworthiness, etc.—Editor.

MISSIONS

FOREIGN MISSIONS

After announcing one week that we would speak on this great subject the following Sunday morning, we began to realize that we had selected a very, very important subject. Never before having the occasion to speak on this subject, we began to pray and study, looking for scriptures that would bear out foreign missions. The following scriptures came to us.

The great commission, Matt. 28: 19, 20. We hear Jesus saying to the eleven apostles, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Amen." Mark 16:15, 16. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Luke 6:13, "And when it was day he called unto him his disciples, and of them he chose twelve whom also he named apostles." So we see that the apostles were selected men commissioned to do special service, hence the eleven apostles received this great commission to preach the gospel to all the world and to every creature, as set forth in both scriptural texts.

Now, as they failed to get the gospel to all the world and every creature as commissioned, therefore, the commission is passed on down to you and me as ministers of Jesus Christ, to continue to go forth and preach the everlasting gospel to all the world. God help us to go forth obeying and in keeping this all important cause before our people.

1 Cor. 12:28, 29, "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?" In answer to the above we will say they are not, but will say if God has called you to preach His Word, then you will have to accept this great commission.

Now we have thousands who have not been called to preach the Word of God and we also have hundreds who have been called to preach the Word of God, who are not qualified to preach the gospel in foreign fields. On the other hand we have some few whom God has called and qualified for service in these needy fields but on account of insufficient funds, we are not able to place them in the foreign fields. Therefore, we shall try to let every one of His great family see where we can have a part in foreign missions.

Romans 10:14, 15, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" In this last clause or quotation we find a place where the thousands of our Church of God family can have part in this great work. We can give of our substance and means to send and support the ones who are qualified to go, and the ones who have no means with which to help can help by giving our time in prayer for the ones who can give and go. Therefore, we can all be foreign missionaries.

The thought that we wish to convey to the minds of our brother ministers is, get the foreign mission spirit before your flocks and in their hearts and keep it there. We have approximately 1500 churches in this land of ours. We notice from the Minutes that total receipts for foreign missions last year was $6,533.37. Now if each church would move up to one service each month on foreign missions instead of one service every three months, and just raise the small amount of 80c that we raised at the close of this missionary service last Sunday, then with the fifteen hundred churches raising 80c each (which is a very small amount), it would make us about $1.200.00 each month, or $14,400.00 each twelve months, making an increase of $7,866.63 over last year. Now that would be grand and there could be a great deal more work done in the foreign fields. They need the gospel so badly, the whole gospel, and God is depending on you and me. Will we do our part? Can He depend on us? Come on, pastors, evangelists, and members, let's go with 100 per cent increase in foreign missions this year.

Some will say, "We have heathens at our door." That is true, and we will have heathens at our door when Jesus comes. They were here when He preached to them, they crucified Him, and there will be heathens here when He comes again. But most every hamlet, village and city in this homeland has had the gospel preached to them and they have rejected it. Therefore, we must spread out and carry it to the foreign fields. We notice when the Jews rejected Jesus He turned to the Gentiles. Likewise as the gospel is being rejected here in the homeland, we must turn to the foreign lands. Would to God that every member of the great Church of God could get the same vision on foreign missions and be made to see the need and importance of it, that I received while speaking on this all important subject, also while speaking I felt led to write this article. I trust this will inspire others to hear the Macedonian call saying, "Come over and help us," and see the need beyond the briny deep. May every one who reads this be blessed and encouraged. Please pray for us.—W. L. Pate.

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SALVATION AND NOT EDUCATION

I thank God this morning for victory over the enemy and the precious Holy Ghost still abides. I am striving for the faith that was once delivered to the saints thru the power of God.

I feel led to state briefly God's wonderful goodness to me. I had tried to gain ambition in every respect, but the power of God came in my heart and consoled my life. I was a P. T. for three years and quit for nearly four years. Since January, 1934, I started to study for my third year P. T. examination. I took the local exam and passed in the principal subject, teaching science, etc., of which many were surprised seeing it was

the first year for the third year.

In the meantime I was a Sunday School teacher, and was clerk for one of our assemblies, the dear old Church of God. Many nights I alone was left in charge of the services, while attending school in the days. Here it was vice and virtue going together until I found myself entangled. I bore it for months until God began to speak to me. I felt as if I was going to backslide. When my cup ran over I told it to my pastor, Elder A. W. Tawney. I asked him his opinion and he told me to choose one or the other, this life or eternal life. He had rescued me from a lion-hearted father during this period of conviction and he labored hard with me until I found the power of God fully grasping my soul. I found that it was salvation and not education. The words began to pierce my soul as never before, until flesh gave way. During this period I gave up ambitions and clung to God's power and the wonderful plan of salvation.

I thank God from the depth of my heart for our pastor, dear Elder Tawney, who wrestled against principalities and powers for me until he gained the victory. All who read this please pray for him. The teachings that I got at his home and the mountains that are pulled down, also barriers, cause me to now name his home, the best of all colleges, which is proven by many folks. Elder Tawney is certainly a man of God, also his wife has acted to me as a mother. Please pray for my unsaved parents, especially my father who tries his best to see if he can cause my two sisters, who are saved, to give up the Christ. Do pray much for this home. God bless you.—Your sister in Christ, S. C. Jones, 15 Pretoria Rd., St. Andrew, Jamaica.

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NOTICES

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We are going to have a homecoming at the Waresboro Church of God the fifth Sunday in March, by request of the district pastor. Brother James Roberts. We hope to have a good feast with the Lord. There will be dinner on the ground, and all day service. Bring a well-filled basket. Let's go over the top for Jesus. We want all the churches on the district to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. We want Brother Harmon and choir on the program for the day, also Brother T. W. Godwin of Jacksonville, Fla., former pastor here, and the Cobbtown church. We have been here five weeks. God has blessed. The church is loyal. We want a Y. P. E. here before we close. Pray much and come, one and all.—Humbly, J. B. Conner, Waresboro, Ga.

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To the Sunday Schools in California: I thank the Lord for the way you have worked for this worthy cause. Some have almost doubled their attendance this quarter, also one new Sunday School has been organized in Torrance, Calif., with forty-eight enrolled. We want six more new ones this year, so come on, workers, and let's get about our Father's business. If you are living where there is no Church of God, try to start a Sunday School, if you have to use your front room. That's what Paul did. Read Phil. 1:2. Also, superintendents, see that I get a report for January, February and March, and the end of each month thereafter. This is very necessary as we want to award the state banner to the school having the best percentage of increase. We are asking all the Sunday Schools to have special prayer day the first Sunday in April for the work in general, that God will stir our hearts as never before, also for the state Sunday School convention which will be announced later. Come on, California, can't you see those little boys and girls playing in the streets? In the name of Jesus, let us gather them up and bring them to Sunday School.—Yours for more, larger, and better Sunday Schools, Lomon Benge, State Supt., 1053 W. 46th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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To whom it may concern: I have been appointed Sunday School superintendent of the Coeburn, Va., district. We will have our Sunday School district convention April 21 at Coeburn, Va. We are expecting our state Sunday School superintendent and a number of other good speakers. Come on, Sunday Schools, and be loyal to the cause by sending in your reports promptly the first of each month. We will have a special program for the orphans. Be sure to bring your soap coupons.—Faithfully, A. C. Watts, Dist. S. S. Supt., Coeburn, Va.

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If you have not organized a Y. P. E. in your church, send to the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn., for a booklet on "How to Organize and Conduct a Y. P. E." A Y. P. E. will build up your church as nothing else will. The Lighted Pathway is also necessary to your work. Send 10c for sample copy. Address The Lighted Pathway, Cleveland, Tenn.

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This is to notify those desiring to attend that the Roanoke distrist convention will convene at Bedford, Va., March 29-31. All nearby churches, districts, and pastors are invited to attend. God is blessing on the district and we want Him to keep on blessing. Brother and Sister, come over and help us enjoy the feast of the Lord, also bring a well-filled basket of natural food.—Yours for lost souls, J. H. Daniels, district pastor.

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The Church of God at Anderson, S. C., will have home coming and church rally day March 31, D. V. All the former members and those who are members now, are urged to attend. We are expecting a feast on this day. Brother Paulk is to be with us. We also expect one or two string bands and special music and singing. Services 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Basket dinner at noon. Come and bring a well-filled basket.—Your brother and co-worker, Geo. W. Cooper, pastor.

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The East Thomasville district convention will convene March 29-31 at Chapman, Ala. The West Thomasville district convention will convene at Sunny South, Ala., April 5-7. Brother G. C. Dunn will be with us. Everybody welcome. Come praying for a good time in the Lord.—F. T. Dismukes, district pastor.

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We are having a wonderful revival. Brother B. H. Enix is helping me. The crowds are large. Two or three have been saved. Please pray that this will be one of the greatest revivals ever held here.—Starling Smith, Williamsburg, Ky.

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The Church of God at Mt. Sterling would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of

Dosie Jones.—Miss Lorene Winneth, Rt. 2, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

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We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Mary E. Sampler, Miss Bessie Spence, and Mrs. Irene Hide. If not heard from by next conference your name will be dropped from the Church of God at Newtown, Alpharetta, Ga., Rt. 4.—Mrs. C. C. Pannell, clerk.

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We are having a meeting at the Church of God at Greenwood, S. C. Brother C. E. McAbee is in charge. Pray that God will give us a great revival here.—Your brother, Ben T. Sprouse, 308 Parker St., Greenwood, S. C.

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We have just closed a meeting at Montevallo, Ala. Quite a number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We were fortunate enough to organize a new church with twenty members. Alabama is looking up. Pray for the work.—Yours sincerely, W. L. Ford, overseer of colored work in Alabama.

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The Church of God at Waycross, Ga., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Estell Gelbner, Mary Hall, James Puckett and Sallie Thomas. —A. J. Hughes, clerk, Waycross, Ga.

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The Church of Shamrock, Tex., requests that the following members write in their testimony before next conference, April 1st: Fred Kerr, Lola Kerr, Forida Platt. Please write some one in the church.—Humbly W. C. Compary, clerk, Gen. Del., Twitty, Tex.

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The Indiana state convention will convene at Shelburn, Ind., May 3-5. S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, is expected to be present. Come and enjoy the feast.—C. H. Standifer, state overseer.

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To whom it may concern: The Williston district convention has been postponed from March 29-31 to April 12-14. Let us pray earnestly that God will give us a good convention.—E. W. Williams, overseer of Florida.

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Since our notice in the paper March 9, we have received quite a few letters from different ones in response. Different ones come and tell us they have been hunting the church for weeks. I am sure there are other friends and members who do not know where the church is located. We have started a revival with Brother Bun E. Hicks as the evangelist and would like to get in touch with every friend and member of the Church of God in Washington. I would be very glad if every pastor and layman would respond at once by sending me their names and addresses. Pray that God will give us many souls in our revival. We also extend an invitation to the nearby churches and friends to come and help us.—Henry C. Stoppe, pastor, 613 Alabama Ave., S. E. Washington, D. C.

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I am open for calls as pastor or evangelist. I have had fourteen years' experience in Pentecostal ministry. I am a widower and have one boy twelve years old with me. For reference write Simmie Tapley, overseer of Arizona, or J. E. Douglas, overseer of Kansas.—A. H. Gilpin, Tribune, Kans.

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The Louisville district convention will convene at Louisville, Ky., April 12-14. Everybody welcome. Come, come. We are expecting a good time. Brother John C. Jernigan, state overseer, will be present. The Louisville brass band will play. We will have good singing and string music.—H. O. Harris, district overseer.

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OTIS L. McCOY, Music Editor.

HIS GLORY IN SONG

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It Is Love
I Will Never Turn Back
I Have Found the Way
'Twill be Glory By and By
In the Great Triumphant Morning
If the Light has Gone Out
Where the Soul Never Dies
Just Over in the Glory Land
Hold to God's Hands
In the City Where the Lamb is the Light
What a Gath'ring That Will be
Lift Me up Above the Shadows
His Blood Is on My Soul
Whosoever Will
Heavenly Sunlight
Wear a Crown
Watching You
O Save Me at the Cross
Where Shall I Be?
I'll Live On
I'm Going Through
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
How Will It be in Eternity?
Wonderful Power in the Blood
Just Over the Stars
The Lily of the Valley
When the Redeemed are Gathering In
Will Jesus Find Us Watching?
Asleep in Jesus
When I Can Read My Title Clear
'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Glory to His Name
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How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
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O Love Divine
Not Made With Hands
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What Shall Our Answers Be?
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A revival is now in progress here with E. A. Henson and wife in charge. Seven have been saved, seven sanctified, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for continued success.—J. T. Stallings, pastor, Concord, N. C.

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I have been trying for sometime to get a revival in Hyden, Ky. This place is a good prospect for a Church of God to be established. There is not a Holy Ghost-filled man here that I know of. Please join me in prayer that God's name may be established in Hyden. It can be done by His help. Let us say, We will do it.—Yours in His service, Waldron Asher.

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Every one pray for the meeting in Talladega, Ala., that God will save, sanctify and baptize many souls with the Holy Ghost. Pray especially for the two brothers who are traveling with me to receive the Holy Ghost. We invite the saints of Anniston, Sylacauga, and nearby places to come in and give us a lift if you are interested in lost souls.—A brother in Christ, H. L. Kitchen, 111 Burr Ave., Talladega, Ala.

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I have an unspoken request and I have a dear friend at Pine Breeze in Chattanooga, Tenn., who has been there nearly seven years for T. B. Pray for her and pray for my loved ones who are unsaved. I also ask special prayer for my sister who is at the Florida State Hospital. She has been there over a year. I know God can heal. Pray for me to have more faith and keep humble in God's service. —A member of the Church of God, Annie Ruth Truan, 7 Forsyth St., Rome, Ga.

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We started a revival here March 2 with Brother W. W. Ball in charge. Please pray for us as this is a new place for the Church of God. — W. E. Feltman, pastor, Clem, Ga.

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There is a revival going at the Church of God at Docena, Ala. Souls are praying thru to God and some are getting healed. A special prayer by all the saints is requested. Brother W. J. Shoemaker is doing the preaching.—Ivy S. Crumpton, pastor.

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We have just arrived here from Nettleton, Ark., and have no place of worship. None of the churches here believe much in the power but we found some hungry people waiting for some one to open a mission. Please pray that God will make a way for us.—Your sister, Mary Godfrey, 4592 Penn. St., Gary, Ind.

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We are in a battle against Satan and sin in a new field where the Church of God nor any other Pentecostal doctrine has ever been preached. Pray for us here. There are good prospects for the work if we can get people thru. Pray a special prayer for this revival.—C.

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We started a meeting for Brother J. E. Schemerhorn Feb. 24 and are having good success. Six have been saved, five sanctified, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for the meeting. Our address is Bridgeport, Ill. If any one desires our help in a meeting we would be glad to hear from you.—A. M. Waggoner and daughter, in evangelistic work.

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I want every one to pray for me as I need your prayers. I am praying for different things.—One who is trying to serve God, Miss Curtie Mooney, Galax, Va.

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Plese pray for my brother, Jack L. Elliott, age fifteen years, who was in a terrible auto accident on Feb. 20. He suffers terribly. So far the only injury located is his limb. It was crushed entirely off just below the hip joint. He has intense, sharp pains in his back. He will be flat on his back at least three months. If you know Jack, I am sure he would enjoy a letter from you. Address his mail to M. & S. Hospital. Room 210, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.—Evangelist Edna L. Elliott, Danville, Ohio.

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Dear saints, please pray for me. I have had a serious nervous breakdown, almost fell from the pulpit. I know God can and does heal. I am anxious to get back in the service.—H. C. Peek, Bx. 344, Swannanoa, N. C.

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There is no mercy in the cruel hand of death, but through answer to prayer God comes on the scene and he has to stand back just as all other enemies do. I have been suffering with Brights Disease for some time. Four weeks ago it seemed the death angel came and la'd his hands on me. I had five convulsions during the night but our good pastor and the good brothers and sisters came and held on to God in prayer. God came on the scene and stayed the hand of death. I ask all who read this to pray for me that the Lord will heal my body that His great name may be glorified.

I truly thank the Lord for the way He is blessing our little church here at Matthews. Thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Taft Ogden. We love him and believe he loves us. We have a nice band of young people here who are on fire and really want to do what they can for the Master. Please ask the Lord to heal me if it be His will and pray that the work will prosper here as never before.—Belle Arrington, Matthews, Ga.

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We have organized a Y. P. E. and God is wonderfully blessing. Please pray for this band of young people at Zion church.—Mrs. Jes-

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C. H. Standifer, Overseer

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION
Charlotte, N. C., May 9-12
John L. Stephens, Overseer

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J. P. Hughes, overseer

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PATE TOWN, N. C.—I praise God for the good revival which was held here. Six were saved, three sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the Church. I ask all to pray for our little church here. I praise God for our pastor, Brother Yow.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Smith.

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sie Dykes, Baxley, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for us at High Shoals, N. C. We lost our church building by fire Feb. 24 during the Sunday School hour. The building was not our property but was loaned to us by the mill company.—Ernest V. Arrawood, clerk.

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Dear saints, my heart is burdened for the sins of the world and the cry of the lost is ringing in my ear. I earnestly request an interest in the prayers of all the saints, that God will undertake for me in this trying time. I have the responsibility of a pastor at this place as our pastor lives some distance away and doesn't come often. I want to be free to evangelize.—Yours in Him, Mrs. B. H. Clark, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Rt. 5.

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Please pray for my father, husband, and six brothers who are away from God. Pray for me that I might be ready to go when Jesus comes. God has blessed in our revival. Eight have been filled with the Holy Ghost and ten saved.—A sister, Alvie Casey, Ga.

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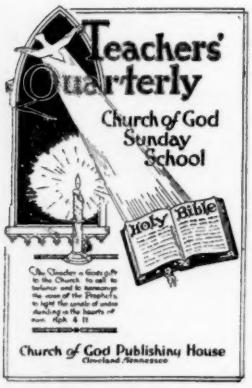

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We have started a revival here in Fountain Inn, S. C. This is a new field but we are here in the name of the Lord, trusting and believing he is going to give us victory. Pray that many souls will be saved.—J. W. Hannah, Clinton, S. C.

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We are in a wonderful revival at Columbus, Ohio. Sister Barr is doing the preaching. Pray for this place as it looks like many of the dear saints who went off after a heresy doctrine are coming back. We have a Y. P. E. going. Pray for me and family. We are having a battle but the Lord is able for all things. — Your brother, Jesse Sutherland, pastor.

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Dear saints, please put me on your prayer list, especially those in Alabama who prayed for me last spring. Pray that I will soon have a way to go to church. Pray for my mother who has been sick quite a while. If you feel led to send her an anointed handkerchief, her address is Mrs. J. B. Longarre, Rt. 1, Bx. 131, Marvell, Ark. Pray for my sister's baby to be healed of a cold.—A sister, Mrs. W. W. Pebron, Marvell, Ark.

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Dear Evangel readers, I have been sent here by the U. S. Government for T. B., but I am trusting God for my healing and want the saints to pray for me.—A U. S. soldier, Ray Chastain, U. S. A. Hospital, Oteen, N. C.

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Saints, pray for the meeting at Mission, Tex. This is the hardest place I ever saw but God has all power. I have an unspoken request for myself. May God bless you all.—Your brother in Christ, Frank Yancey.

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A revival was started here Feb. 19 by Brother R. S. Morgan. Many souls have been blessed and hearts stirred. This is a new work here and the devil is working but we are expecting God to give the victory. The Lord has sent Brother W. F. Hudson and Sister Frances L. Dekle to help us. Please pray that God will work in a special way, that He may get all the glory. —A sister in Christ, Mrs. Thomas Lee, Clerk, Newberry, Fla.

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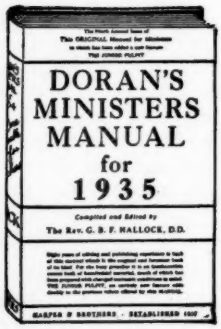

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